NOTE IX.

A NEW HELOTA FROM WEST-JAVA

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Helota Pasteuri, n. sp. ♀.

Allied to *Helota Feae* Rits. from Burma and *Vandepolli* Rits. from Borneo, but differing from both in the pale colour of the antennae, in the more prolonged apices of the elytra and in the larger size of the yellow elytral spots. From *Feae* it is moreover at once distinguished by the want of the reddish testaceous lateral streaks on the pronotum and by the regularly rounded apical ventral segment. From *Vandepolli* it differs by the flavous lateral streaks of the prosternum and by the flavous basal half of the claw-joint of the tarsi.

Length 14,5 mm. -- Shining; rather narrow, elongate, narrowed in front and behind; dark bronze above, here and there with a strong violet gloss; the antennae and the extreme anterior angles of the pronotum testaceous; the four convex yellow elytral spots ovate, rather large and situated between the 3rd and 6th striae. Underneath yellow testaceous, with the exception of the head, the extreme margins of the prosternum, a spot between the the anterior and intermediate coxae, and the elytral epipleurae, which parts are dark pitchy or bronze coloured. The legs are yellow testaceous, with the trochanters, the knees, the apex of the tibiae and the tarsi (with the exception of the basal half of the claw-joint) black.

Head strongly produced in front of the eyes, slightly raised along the middle, deeply punctured, the punctures

on the raised middle portion large and wide apart, smaller and very closely set near the eyes.

Prothorax widest at the base, slightly narrowing towards the front, the sides nearly straight, finely crenulate, the front angles rounded and produced; the base deeply bisinuate, the lateral angles acute, the central lobe rounded and with an impression; the pronotum very coarsely and confluently punctured, with the usual nearly impunctate raised patches. The scutellum is small, roundish, and strongly impressed along the middle. The sterna are nearly impunctate, a few shallow punctures, however, occur on the sides.

Elytra narrowing in slightly curved lines, more strongly so in a sinuate manner near the apices which are prolonged, very slightly dehiscent at the suture and subacute. Each elytron with ten regular rows of punctures of which the 4th and 5th are interrupted by the yellow spots; the punctures of the 5th and following striae are larger than those of the 1st to 4th, and those of the 4th row which are situated between the yellow spots are wider apart than the others; the shoulders are impunctate; the interstices between the 1st and 5th striae are rather flat, those between the 5th and 10th narrow and alternately costiform; the interstice between the 2nd and 3rd striae becomes costiform towards the end and extends down to the extreme tip of the apices. The epipleurae have at the base a few indistinct punctures, especially along the raised inner margin.

Abdomen smooth, with a few hair-bearing punctures; the last ventral segment rounded posteriorly, and with a shallow apical impression.

The legs are smooth and impunctate, the anterior tibiae slightly curved.

Hab. West-Java: Toegoe. — A single female specimen, presented to the Leyden Museum by Mr. J. D. Pasteur to whom the species is dedicated.

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